

REMARKS

Prior to the present amendment, claims 1-8 were pending. In the present amendment, applicants have withdrawn claims 7-8 and amended claims 1-8. Accordingly, claims 1-6 are under examination.

With respect to claims 1-8, Applicants have undertaken to amend the claims in accordance with U.S. practice. With respect to claim 3, Applicants have amended the claim to identify the recited amino acid sequence as SEQ ID NO: 1 in order to comply with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues is required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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